

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Monday, February 26, 2024; 6:00 P.M.

Streaming link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7bj9uUuDDU>

CALL TO ORDER: President Wagle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Smith, Wheeler, Wagle. Absent - Kunkel. Also present: Brian Strusz, Bernadette Brustkern, Mike Clingingsmith, Tony Hiatt, Jill Kenyon, Heather Larson, Deborah Dayman and others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Ayers, second by Kanwischer that the agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NEGOTIATIONS: Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that the Board hold an exempt session for the purpose of negotiations as provided in section 20.17(3) of the Code of Iowa. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Smith, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Wagle welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the vision of the District: It is the vision of the Pleasant Valley Community School District that we shall provide the finest academic and extra-curricular programs in the state – not in some things, but in everything; not for some students, but for every student.

Director Smith shared a letter he received regarding PVHS exterior doors which were unlocked during non-school hours. Mr. Strusz reported that the maintenance department was aware of both issues and steps had already been taken to fix the doors to prevent unauthorized access.

Director Brockmann congratulated the PVHS girls basketball team, who made it to the first round of state tournament play at the Wells Fargo Arena.

Director Wheeler recognized teachers for their extra efforts during conference week as well as PTAs who are staffing book fairs and providing food for teachers during their extended days.

Director of Student Services Jill Kenyon highlighted her family's student-led conference experience at Cody.

Superintendent Strusz Congratulated PVHS senior Jessica Clemons who was named the 2024 E. Wayne Cooley Scholarship winner- the first PV student in the history of the district to earn this distinction. The \$15,000 scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding female Iowa athlete. Dr. Cooley led the IGSAU (Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union) for 48 years and guided the expansion of girls

interscholastic athletic programs from only one sport (basketball) to eight sports and through Title IX legislation. Jessie participates in softball, basketball and track and has competed at the state level in each sport in addition to being an outstanding student. She has committed to Iowa State University for softball.

President Wagle commended Spelling Bee competitors for their success at the regional competition.

Director of Secondary Education Bernadette Brustkern introduced Dr. Lynne Lundberg, advisor to the PVHS Ethics Bowl team. Previously the board recognized three Ethics Bowl teams that placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at the state tournament. On February 14th, the team won the regional competition, becoming one of 24 teams to qualify for the national tournament in April at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Fifteen students will represent PVHS. Students Laura Chen, Nadia Meeks, Victoria Rice, Margil Sanchez Carmona, Prerna Vanga and Odelia Ayika described competition preparation and the procedure to the board. The board wished the team great success at the national competition.

Mrs. Brustkern also recognized Individual Regional Speech results in the categories of solo musical theater, acting, storytelling, poetry, spontaneous speaking and Original Oratory. Twelve competitors who received "I" ratings will advance to the state competition on March 9.

Seven boys wrestlers competed in the state meet.

Evan Noack participated in the IHSAA 3A state bowling tournament and advanced to the quarterfinals.

The Spartan boys swim team placed 4th in state competition. 200 Free Relay - State Champions - team Members include Owen Chiles, Will Gorman, Caleb Steward and Jamison Gray. 100 Free - State Champion and new IHSAA State Record - Owen Chiles. 100 Back - State Champion and new IHSAA State Record - Owen Chiles. 400 Free Relay - State Champions - Owen Chiles, Will Gorman, Caleb Steward, Jamison Gray.

Congratulations to Spartan swimmer Owen Chiles who was named the 2024 IHSAA Swimmer of the Year.

Director of Elementary Education Tony Hiatt introduced the Iowa Reading Corps Americorps. *Iowa Reading Corps*, often referred to as the "domestic Peace Corps", is a statewide initiative to help ensure that all Iowa students are on track to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade. The program places AmeriCorps members, trained as Elementary Literacy Tutors, at sites across Iowa to implement prescribed literacy interventions for students who are just below proficiency in reading. Literacy tutors are selected during a thorough interview process, are monitored via regular integrity checks, supervised by the building reading specialist, receive a stipend from the United Way / Americorp and are present in the buildings whenever school is in session. PVCSD first implemented *Reading Corps* in 2014. During the last five years, 574 students have been served, receiving an average of 72 minutes per week of service and 86.6% of students served exceeded target growth.

Individuals who perform this important work include:

Program Director, Iowa Reading Corps - Becca Eastman
Reading Corps Coaching Specialist - Addie Berk

Bridgeview: Eric Pobanz, literacy tutor; Tina Young, Reading specialist / internal coach; Meghan Halverson, principal.

Cody: Isabel Farnum, Literacy Tutor; Teri Adams, Reading Specialist / Internal Coach; Laurie Brasche, Principal.

Forest Grove: Maria Iftikar Baig, Literacy Tutor; Kelsey Allbaugh, Reading Specialist / Internal Coach; Chris Welch, principal.

Hopewell: Carol Halverson, Literacy Tutor; Sara Wiese, Reading Specialist / Internal Coach; Rachel Gotto, Principal.

Pleasant View: Ana Starkley, Literacy Tutor; Annette Ericksen, Reading Specialist / Internal Coach; Steven Cotton, Principal.

Riverdale Heights: Marilyn Weeks, Literacy Tutor; Melissa Anderson, Americorp Tutor; Amber Heredia, Reading Specialist (primary) / Internal Coach; Laurie Smith, Reading Specialist (intermediate) / Internal Coach; Jennifer Richardson, Principal.

The board expressed appreciation to all who serve students in this impactful way.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The February 26, 2024 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting.
- PERSONNEL:

CERTIFIED:

Brianna Finnegan is recommended for employment as a Science Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School effective the 2024-25 school year. Ty Luett is recommended for employment as a Science Teacher at Pleasant Valley High School effective the 2024-25 school year. Haley Miller is recommended for employment as an Elementary Classroom Teacher effective the 2024-25 school year - building to be determined. Stephanie Oberman is recommended for employment as an Elementary classroom teacher (building and grade level to be determined) effective the 2024-25 school year. Kylie Wroblewski is recommended for employment as an Elementary classroom teacher (building and level to be determined) effective the 2024-25 school year.

CLASSIFIED:

Jacqueline Hinnant, Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley High School, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective March 1, 2024. Randa Karadshah, Food Service Worker at Pleasant Valley High School, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective March 16, 2024. Kelli Prunty, Part time Custodian at Riverdale Heights Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective March 1, 2024. Aaron Shannon, Food Service Manager at Pleasant Valley High School, has submitted notice of his resignation effective March 8, 2024. Beth Williams, Special Education Paraeducator at Forest Grove Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment effective March 16, 2024.

CLASSIFIED: (information only)

Denise Schroeder is recommended for probationary employment as a Food Service Worker at Cody Elementary starting March 1, 2024.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**ADD:**

Zach Miller

Angie Musal

Aaron Sass

PVHS Assistant Boys Tennis Coach (23-24)

PVHS Assistant Girls Tennis Coach (23-24)

PVJH Assistant Football Coach (24-25)

TEACHER LEADERSHIP: FAST TRACKING 2024-25		
Instructional Coaches & CIA Lead Facilitators	Instructional Strategists	Collaborative Lead
Erin Woods	Elizabeth McCartney	Jenny Lauritsen
Larissa Gaul	Brianna Call	Meredith Zietlow
Megan Smith	Kateeya Brown	Caitlin Schoville
Marlise Bosman	Josh Thiessen	Ann Martin
Mary Anne Hoeg	Logan Beausoleil	Zac Meseke
Jake Grafenberg	Andy Fermoye	Neal Green
Larissa Bailey	Sarah Vice	Ellie Thomas
Heather Jeffers	Abby Uhde (Brown)	Steph Risius
Katharine Mulfinger	Kelsey Gillham	Janene Murphy
Cassidy Peterson	Taylor Peters	Meg Byrne
Thomas Lovejoy	Christy Cline	
Kim VerHeecke	Matt Gauss	Building Leads
Zach Miller	Melissa Cotton	Julie Small
Jessica Mente	Carrie Skillin	Sarah Kraklio
Brian Gartner	Amy Miller	Brent Keemle
Alecia Krzyaniak	Michelle Howes	Erin Klage
Liz Bosworth	Katie Bradley	Jane Wheeler
	Jen Umland	
Grade Level Leads	Hannha Guinn	Specials Leads
Michaela Conover		Ali Kirsch
Bailie Baker		Jill Skyles
Elizabeth McCartney	Collaborative Supporter	Melissa Miller
Jen Umland	Traci Keppy- Cody	Erin Ahnquist
Hannah Guinn	Barb Schadt- HW	Alex Yank
Angela Spartz	Melissa Schieffer- RH	Brittanee Andrews
	Linda Heiselman- BV	
	Betsy Mansfield	
	Dan Bischoff	

- OPEN ENROLLMENT - All 2023-24. IN from Bettendorf (continuation) one grade 4.
IN from Davenport (new) one grade 1.
- Cooperative Teaching Agreement - Morningside University

Motion by Ayers, second by Kanwischer that the consent agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

General Fund: Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$550,107.73 in payment of invoices presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Nutrition Fund: Motion by Ayers, second by Smith that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$101,575.52 in payment of invoices presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund: Motion by Ayers, second by Wheeler that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$3,053.81 in payment of invoices presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

High School Activity Fund: Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$51,389.88 in payment of invoices presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

PPEL (Physical, Plant and Equipment Levy) Fund: Motion by Kanwischer, second by Smith that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$22,766.08 in payment of invoices presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Internal Service Fund: Motion by Smith, second by Brockmann that Internal Service Fund warrants 6578 to 6579 be issued in the total amount of \$13,915.38 in payment of invoices presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Trust Fund: Motion by Ayers, second by Wheeler that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of \$343.47 in payment of invoices presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES - SERIES 800: Upon Recommendation from the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) and in response to recent legislative changes, the following board policies were presented for a first reading at the January 22, 2024 board meeting and a second reading on February 12. Since these policies are new, an initial and two additional readings are required. The policies are presented for a final reading this evening.

The proposed policies to be added are:

808.01	<i>Purchasing - Bidding</i>
808.01R1	<i>Purchasing - Bidding - Suspension and Debarment of Vendors and Contractors Procedure</i>
808.01R2	<i>Purchasing - Bidding - Using Federal Funds in Procurement Contracts</i>
808.02	<i>Expenditures for a Public Purpose</i>
809.01	<i>Internal Controls</i>
809.R1	<i>Internal Controls - Procedures</i>

Motion by Smith, second by Ayers that the Board approve the additions to board policy series 800 which address bidding, expenditures and internal controls as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Smith, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

ESTABLISH NEW BOARD POLICY REGARDING SOLVENCY RATIO: As part of the high school expansion and renovation project and borrowing against future SAVE (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education) revenues, the District recommends adopting two board policies addressing the use of funds in keeping with the District's vision, mission and goals. Policies 810.01 and 810.01R1 outline how the district will engage the board in learning the financial needs, operations and requirements of the district as appropriate for the board's understanding of the district financial position. This is the second reading of policies which were first presented to the board on February 12, 2024. A final reading will be held and a motion presented March 18, 2024.

No required motion.

IBPS (INTEREST BASED PROBLEM SOLVING) HELPING COMMITTEE REFLECTIONS ON EARLY DISMISSALS FOR TEACHER COLLABORATION: In response to the board's request for an update on the utilization of the second early out of each month which was added to the calendar starting the 2022-23 school year, an IBPS committee has been gathering information which was presented to the board. The first early out of each month is led by administrators and the second early out is reserved for building / department meetings. The following teachers shared committee, building, department and grade perspectives with the board:

Alex Yank, Riverdale Heights Science; Katie Casper, PVJH Special Education; Kristy Carr, PVJH/PVHS math; and Jessica Werdermann, Pleasant View 3rd grade.

Curriculum assessment, curriculum writing and updating, rubric development, grade assessments, and vertical / lateral articulation work are some of the items which routinely appear on meeting agendas. Teachers also appreciate collaborative time across buildings (elementary) and across departments at the secondary level in situations where teachers teach multiple classes or when departments do not have common planning periods.

No required motion.

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING PROCESS UPDATE: After reflection upon the first year of implementation of the kindergarten screening process, data and perspectives have been collected and adjustments established for next year. Parent surveys (100 respondents), PTA Presidents, teacher and administrator input and midyear K FAST scores have led us to the following plan for welcoming and onboarding our kindergarten students and families for the 2024-25 school year:

- Kindergarten Round Up will be held May 24th. (No school day for current kindergarten students)
- Kindergarten teachers will use the Brigance screener with all 24-25 K students on Wednesday, August 21 to Friday, August 23, and class lists will be completed by 1:00 PM so administrative assistants can make parent/guardian contacts August 23.
- Monday, August 26 will be a Kindergarten only *Meet and Greet* event from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.
- Each student will have one staggered start day. Group A will be on Tuesday, August 27 and Group B will be on Wednesday, August 28.
- All kindergarten students will attend together starting Wednesday, August 29.

No required motion.

HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$27,180,000 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE SALES, SERVICES AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS: Following a summary by district Chief Financial Officer Mike Clingingsmith of details presented at the February 12, 2024 board meeting, Dr. Wagle opened the required public hearing regarding the proposed issuance of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds at 7:37 p.m. Hearing no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 7:38 p.m.

No required motion.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$27,180,000 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE SALES, SERVICES AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS: Motion by Kanwischer, second by Brockmann that the Board approve the Resolution Supporting the Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$27,180,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Smith, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

2024-25 PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE DISCUSSION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARINGS #1 AND #2: As discussed at the February 12, 2024 board meeting, HF 718 from the 2023 legislative session made significant changes to the certified budget process for school districts. Those changes were discussed as well as the recommendation by Mr. Clingingsmith and Superintendent Strusz that there be no change in the district's property tax levy rate for the 2024-25 fiscal year (\$13.46 rounded to the nearest penny). Mr. Clingingsmith reviewed with the board the "Notice of Public Hearing - Proposed Property Tax Levy". The board reached consensus that the 2024-25 district levy rate remain at \$13.46 (rounded to the nearest penny).

Recent legislation also requires that two public hearings be offered for public input. The first must occur independent of a regular board meeting, and the second may occur as part of the regular board meeting. In order to meet state deadlines, the first meeting will be held April 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the regular board meeting immediately following, and the second will be held April 22, 2024 during the regular board meeting.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Kanwischer that the Board establishes a date and time of April 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to hold the required public hearing #1 for the 2024-25 Proposed Property Tax Levy and a date and time of April 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. to hold the required public hearing #2 for the 2024-25 full budget adoption. Roll Call Vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Smith, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

JANUARY MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented the monthly financial reports for January 2024. Through January, General Fund revenue totaled \$36,150,356 and expenses totaled \$29,463,297. The fund balance in the General Fund at January 31, 2024 was \$18,831,919. Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Student Construction, Internal Service, Activity Funds reports and quarterly reports. No significant variances from projections were noted.

Mr. Clingingsmith pointed out that the annual working budget has now been added to each fund report. The Capital Projects Fund reflects in the working budget the revenue (\$27,180,000) projection and the issuance cost (\$755,840) projection for the School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds issuance for which the district is planning.

Motion by Wheeler, second by Ayers that the Board accept the monthly financial reports for January, 2024 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Smith, Wheeler, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NEGOTIATIONS:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ayers, Brockmann, Kanwischer, Smith, Wheeler, Wagle. Absent - Kunkel. Also present: Brian Strusz, Bernadette Brustkern, Mike Clingingsmith, Tony Hiatt, Jill Kenyon, Deborah Dayman.

The board met in Executive Session from 8:09 p.m. until 8:52 p.m. to discuss negotiations. No motions were made or actions taken during Executive Session.

FUTURE DATES:

- Monday, March 18, 2024; 6:00 p.m. - Board of Education meeting (one March board meeting)
- April 8, 2024; 6:00 p.m. - Special Meeting - Hearing #1 for Proposed Pleasant Valley Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025
- April 8, 2024 -Regular Board Meeting will begin at 6:15 pm or immediately following Special Hearing #1
- April 22, 2024; 5:30 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting (early start due to district band concert)

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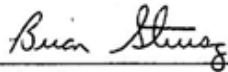
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The district requires all persons, agencies, vendors, contractors and other persons and organizations doing business with or performing services for the school district to subscribe to all applicable federal and state laws, executive orders, rules and regulations pertaining to contract compliance and equal opportunity.

The district is committed to the policy that no otherwise qualified person will be excluded on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, disability, or age. Further, the board affirms the right of all students and staff to be treated with respect and to be protected from intimidation, discrimination, physical harm and harassment.

Inquiries concerning the application of federal and state nondiscrimination statutes and the implementing regulations to the district may be referred to the Director of Secondary Education, who has been designated by the district as Educational Equity Coordinator, or to the Director of the Office for Civil Rights, Department of HEW, and Washington, D.C. The Director of Secondary Education's office is at Pleasant Valley Administration Center, 525 Belmont Rd., Bettendorf, Iowa 52722; telephone (563) 332-5550.



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